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CENTRAL EXCISE EVASION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the central excise duty collections during the last and current financial years have shown a substantial decline;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for the steep decline in excise duty collections;

(c) whether the Government has decided to tighten the noose on the central excise evaders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) and (b): No, sir. The excise duty collection has shown a growth of 5.8% during the last financial year and 6.0% (Prov.) in the current financial year (upto June).

(c) and (d): Yes, sir. The measures taken to control central excise evasion include:

Deterrent measures, wherein certain restrictions are imposed on assessees against whom cases of Central Excise evasion exceeding Rs.10 lakh are booked.
Giving publicity to the deterrent provisions to increase the awareness among the trade and industry.
Undertaking High-Impact audit.
Strengthening of informer network.
Developing strategic intelligence for specific units, specific industries.
Dissemination of intelligence by issue of modus operandi circulars.